

REMARKS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsueda et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, because the cited reference does not disclose or suggest at least the feature of the present invention for controlling the number of driving devices used for each data signal line in accordance with the resolution and/or the size of the display part, as described in claim 1.

The Matsueda et al. reference relates to a driving circuit for supplying a data signal voltage to the data signal lines of a liquid crystal device. Fig. 1 of the reference shows a driving circuit including a bit selective switching circuit 34 for controlling an output voltage to an output signal line 39, which supplies a data signal voltage to one of the data signal lines of the liquid crystal device. As recognized by the Examiner, the switches 341-345 of the bit selective switching circuit 34 are controlled to output the grayscale level of the output signal line 39 connected to a pixel.

As described in claim 1, the number of driving devices in the present invention are controlled according to the resolution and/or the size of the display part, which displays an image based on the image display data supplied through the data signal lines. The driving circuit of Matsueda et al. merely outputs the grayscale level of a single pixel, and does not disclose (or suggest) controlling the driving devices in accordance with the resolution and/or the size of the display part itself, which contains numerous pixels. For at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependent claim 4 is allowable over Matsueda et al.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Matsueda et al. in view of Ichikawa et al. Applicants traverse this rejection for the reason given above with respect to claim 1, from which claim 4 depends. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claims 1 and 4, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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